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MIAMI--THE CUBAN FAMILIES COMMITTEE WAITED TODAY FOR WORD FROM FIDEL CASTRO ON THE RELEASE OF THE 1,113 CUBAN INVASION PRISONERS.

THE COMMITTEE SAID YESTERDAY THAT NEGOTIATING ATTORNEY JAMES B. DONOVAN, WHO WAS IN SECLUSION AT AN UNDISCLOSED PLACE HERE, EXPECTED WORD FROM CASTRO "WITHIN A FEW DAYS."

THE ATTORNEY CONFERRED WITH MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES COMMITTEE YESTERDAY AND GAVE THEM OPTIMISM THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE "A DEFINITE SUCCESS."

THE COMMITTEE ISSUED A STATEMENT LATE YESTERDAY, SAYING "AFTER A FULL ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION, WE REAFFIRM OUR OPTIMISM FOR THE DEFINITE SUCCESS OF THESE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT TALKS."

THE COMMITTEE ALSO REITERATED THAT "NOT ONE DOLLAR" IN CASH WAS OFFERED TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. THE COMMITTEE SAID THE PROPOSED RANSOM CONSISTED ENTIRELY OF DRUGS, MEDICINE, SURGICAL APPARATUS AND BABY FOOD.

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